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Applicant	FURUSHO, Shinji

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237					
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1.	. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).					
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	Box No. V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
	Box No. VI	Box No. VI Certain documents cited				
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International application No.
PCT/JP2004/015439

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Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO.
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
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#### 2. Citations and explanations:

#### Documents

Document 1: JP 2001-092796 A (Turbo Data Laboratory Inc.), 6 April 2001, entire text, fig. 1-28

Document 2: JP 2001-147800 A (Turbo Data Laboratory Inc.), 29 May 2001, entire text, fig. 1-44

Document 3: WO 2000/010103 Al (Shinji Furusho), 24 February 2000, entire text, fig. 1-50

#### Explanation

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 10 involve an inventive step relative to documents 1 to 3 cited in the international search report.

Of documents 1 to 3, documents 1 and 2 in particular disclose a constitution wherein memory modules have an MPU (corresponding to the "control device" of the present application) and a RAM core (corresponding to the "memory" of the present application), and a bus is used to make a connection between memory modules, thereby enabling distributed memory-type information processing. However, the documents neither disclose nor suggest a feature wherein individual memory modules are connected in a ring formation or a specific tabulation method using the same.